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Sexual assault policy revised, giving victims confidentiality

Courtesy of MEO

On June 14, the Air Force implemented a new confidential reporting option for active-duty members who are victims of sexual assault.

This new option, called restricted reporting, gives victims access to medical care, counseling and victim advocacy, without activating an investigative process or having the names of the victim and assailant reported up their chain of command.

Restricted reporting is available only through the base's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, victim advocates and health care providers.

The new policy recognizes that the first priority in sexual assault needs to be victim protection, to have the victim treated with dignity and respect and to receive helping services.

This will encourage more victims of sexual assault to come forward and seek help without fear of intimidation, embarrassment or stigma.

Chaplains already possess confidentiality privilege. Unrestricted reporting is still available and triggers an investigation of the allegations, involving the 16th Security Forces Squadron, the Office of Special Investigations and the victims as well as the assailant's chain of command.

The SARC helps the victim make an informed decision on whether he or she wants to pursue restricted or unrestricted reporting. A victim advocate is assigned to the victim regardless of the reporting option, to help the victim secure needed care and services. A victim may report an incident that occurred recently or years ago.

For more information, visit www.sapr.mil or call Clara Miller, Hurlburt Field SARC at 884-SARC or 499-7425.

'Git-r-done'

Construction workers began digging up the ground parallel to the current outbound lanes at Hurlburt Field's main gate last week. It started the 75-day, \$135,000-project that will create a permanent fourth outbound lane to U.S. Highway 98 and a third inbound lane from Hwy. 98. The change is expected to cut down on the cones, decrease confusion and increase safety, said 1st Lt. Jason Aftanas, lead project engineer.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Holly Wangelin

Safety award: Special Operations Airman receives top-notch individual safety award

By Senior Airman Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

The chief of wing safety for the 16th Special Operations Wing received the Chief of Staff Individual Safety Award July 5, following a change-of-command ceremony for the 4th Special Operations Squadron.

Lt. Col. Robert Monroe, was given the award by Col. O.G. Mannon, former 16th SOW commander, for his "enthusiastic leadership style with innovative ideas, as he led the largest team of safety professionals in the Air Force Special Operations Command from Oct. 1, 2003 to Sept. 30, 2004," according to his award citation.

Colonel Monroe was responsible for more than 8,300 base personnel and 63 assigned aircraft, reduced safety mishaps and created safety programs, which other Air Force major commands have adopted as a template

for creating their own.

With a large number of base personnel under his wing, Colonel Monroe made sure their safety was maintained. While under his direction, the number of drunk driving incidents was reduced by 56 percent.

To maintain the safety of his assigned aircraft, Colonel Monroe redesigned the Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard plan by adding Phase II procedures providing crews with hourly updates of bird activity.

One of the programs that MAJCOMs have adopted is

**Lt. Col.
Robert Monroe**

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'Code Adam' works to perfection

By Master Sgt. Kevin Owen
19th SOS

A seven year-old boy was lost and found at the Sound of Independence celebration June 30 in the span of two and half hours.

The boy's 13 year-old sister notified a security forces member that her brother was missing in the Soundside

complex about two hours prior to the scheduled start of the evening's fireworks display.

Officials took immediate action. Announcements were made over the public address system, and senior leaders delayed the fireworks display 30 minutes to conduct a search.

"There was a real sense of urgency in the search," said Tech. Sgt. Derrick Allbrook, 16th Security Forces

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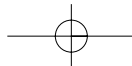
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Sunday - Showers, High 88/Low 76

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Open Line

The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community. I really appreciate your feedback.

To receive a response, leave your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the **COMMANDO**.

I'll answer the others by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you and perhaps improve their process.

However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.

Child care openings in need

Comment: Sir, I recently moved to Hurlburt Field, and my wife is stationed at Eglin Air Force Base. We're a dual military family with two children. We've been on the waiting list for both child development centers now for approximately six months. My oldest daughter was able to receive a slot in the Eglin CDC within a couple weeks.

However, we're being told my youngest daughter will wait until the September to November timeframe.

Why do military and civil service employees share the same priorities on the waiting list for the CDC?

Why does the ever-growing civil service receive equal priority in a system that was developed as a service to our active-duty forces? My youngest daughter has recently moved to her third provider in three weeks, and this current position is only temporary for the next two weeks.

I would like for you to consider how this instability has affected our force readiness. Neither my wife nor I can remain focused at work and give 100 percent when we're constantly concerned with the well being of our youngest child.

This situation in my household has deteriorated enough that we've discussed the option of one of us separating from the military, which neither of us desires. I don't feel we're "too picky," by any means, but we do demand a level of sanitation and provider responsibility, which any reasonable person would.

With the community growing as fast as it is, are there plans in place to expand the CDC resources in the near future? Currently, as you can tell with my concern, the amount of "adequate" care available to your forces is less than sufficient.

Response: Department of Defense Instruction 6060.2, Child Development Programs and Air Force Instruction 34-248, Child Development Centers, outline program eligibility and priorities for enrollment. DODI 6060.2, criteria 4.3. states, "The first priority is child care for active-duty military and DOD civilian personnel. Each installation commander...shall establish a priority system under which access to CDPs shall be determined. In all cases, first priority shall be given to children of active-duty military and DOD civilian personnel who are either: single parents or whose spouse is employed on a full-time basis outside the home or is a military

member on active duty." AFI 34-248 further defines priorities in criteria 7.8 that states, "Give active-duty and DOD civilian-employed parents a higher priority than other groups in the use of the center for full-day and part-day care. Eligible patrons include active-duty military personnel, DOD civilian personnel paid with APF or NAF, Reservists on active duty or during inactive duty training and DOD contractors. Commanders may give single parents and dual military higher priority than other families." As outlined by these directives, active-duty military and civil service share the same level of priority. The DOD and Air Force policies delineating priorities for enrollment equate active-duty military and civil service, considering both a viable and critical component of mission accomplishment. For example, 100 percent of the employees at the CDC are civil service, providing a mission essential service to our active-duty forces.

The Hurlburt Field Family Member Programs Waiting List instruction is currently under revision, projected for this summer. One of the key updates/changes to the policy is the adjustment of "Priority 1" to include both single military/DOD civilians and dual military. We're hoping this change will provide better access and shorter wait times for our dual military families who are doubly critical to the mission.

Many other military families in this area are experiencing the same challenges with finding sufficient/adequate child care. Hurlburt Field is working diligently to expand child care programs and increase spaces. The CDC is planning for an additional 246 capacity center, projected to open in fiscal year 2011.

Based on current waiting list trends, this new center should accommodate 95 percent of the child care needs for this community.

In addition, a unique off-base initiative is underway, which will license an additional 25 family child care homes in the surrounding area with requirements that mirror Air Force guidelines. These homes will be subsidized to reduce the cost of care to our military families.

Also, our on-base family child care program is striving to license more on- and off-base homes to increase the availability of high-quality, regulated child care. Finally, we have a resource and referral coordinator on staff to assist families with child care placement, on and off base. For more information or support, call Trisha Barrett at 884-4300.

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Motorcycling – like flying a combat sortie

By Col. Christopher Hale
Air Force Space Command

PETERSON AFB, Colo. – On June 20, the Air Force lost two of its warriors.

One was Gen. Bernard Schriever, age 94; the other was Airman First Class Justin Souza, age 21.

Most of us know what General Schriever did for our Air Force; none of us will ever know what Airman Souza could have done for our Air Force. General Schriever died peacefully at his home, surrounded by

loved ones. Airman Souza died alone – far from his loved ones. On a two-lane blacktop he died from massive head and chest injuries after slamming his motorcycle head-on into a van that pulled out in front of him.

We don't know what went through Airman Souza's mind seconds before impact. It was a clear day, open road, good visibility. He was wearing the right personal protective equipment, and according to friends, not likely exceeding the posted speed limit.

Justin probably saw the van pull

up to the stop sign ahead on his left. He may have assumed the driver saw him approaching. She says she didn't. When she unexpectedly drove in front of him, Justin had no formal motorcycle training and less than 60 days of experience to help his brain tell his hands and feet what to do.

We'll never know if Justin could have avoided or survived the crash. The odds against him were staggering.

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DUI Tracker



June 30 – July 7: 0 DUI's

This year: 16

DUIs for 2004: 42

Last DUI: 16th Communications Squadron, June 28

Days since last DUI:

16th OG...55

16th MXG...12

16th MSG...8

16th MDC...198

Individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of July 7.

Don't Drink and Drive. Call AADD at 884-8844

Potential saves this year: 343

Live-fire exercise tests JTACs, aircrews

Combat training provides 'realistic urban operations training' with Army forces

By 1st Lt. Nathan Broshear
505th CCW Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field-trained Joint Terminal Attack Controllers waded into combat recently in the swamps of Louisiana.

Air Warrior II, a large-scale combat exercise at Fort Polk, La., challenged Airmen and Soldiers in a high-fidelity battlespace that included an active enemy force, a local populace simulated by role players, and targets engaged by ground and air assets.

Maj. Joel Hampton, 548th Combat Training Squadron director of operations said, "Aircrews and JTACs are supporting the 10th Mountain Division, 3rd Brigade Combat Team from Fort Drum, N.Y. prior to the Army unit's deployment to Afghanistan."

"For the Air Force, we're able to practice working with our controllers to identify and destroy ground targets during the chaos of battle," he said. "For the Army, this is a chance to integrate the same aircraft that they'll use in the-

atre into missions that closely simulate actual combat situations."

The exercise at Fort Polk included nearly 4,000 Army participants facing a real opposition force comprised of "enemy" Army units. Rotations flow through Fort Polk prior to deployment, so training mimics conditions troops can expect.

Villages inside the training area are populated with approximately 1,200 role players simulating shopkeepers, politicians and insurgents. Contractors train role players and help to expose troops to dealing with foreign cultures as well as "get in their faces" at checkpoints and during mock-protests.

Role players dress, speak and act "in character" for the duration of the exercise. Even street signs and graffiti are written on buildings inside the exercise area in languages such as Arabic and Pashtun. To further the realism, TV, radio and newspapers follow the action, so leaders can engage enemy misinformation and propaganda.

The exercise's goal was to prepare Army and Air Force units for urban operations prior to deployment and to meet formal training objectives as outlined by Joint

Forces Command. During Air Warrior II, aircrews communicated with ground units through Air Force JTACs embedded within the 10th Mountain Division. JTACs are Air Force enlisted people assigned to Army units to control aircraft and assist in targeting during a battle. This group is often called "battle-field Airmen."

Part of the exercise took place over two real towns located just outside the fort. The towns of Leesville and DeRidder opened up their airspace to military aircraft involved in training. JTACs set up on streetcorners and in parking lots with Humvees and radios to simulate a deployment to a nearby village. While aircraft circled overhead, JTACs challenged aircrews to track vehicles and locate buildings from high above.

For Davis-Monthan A-10 crews (flying from Barksdale AFB), the opportunity to work with JTACs over an actual city that roughly simulates "hot" zones in Iraq is invaluable.

"This is the only place in the world to get this kind of training," said Capt. Frank Scolaro, exercise project officer, 354th Fighter Squadron.



Photo by Senior Airman Stephen Otero

A Joint Terminal Attack Controller (left), and a Tactical Air Command and Control Journeyman, direct an A-10 "Warhog" aircraft onto a target during a live-fire portion of the Air Warrior II exercise at Fort Polk, La.

Stripes, name tags, repairs

Munch & Mend brings life to new, old AF uniforms

By Senior Airman Mareshah Haynes
Public Affairs

Free food, free uniform repairs – what more could a young Airman ask for?

These are services provided by Munch & Mend, a base chapel program held from 5 to 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month.

The next Munch & Mend is Monday. "I do it because I like to help the young troops, and I like the fellowship," said Jimmie Thomas, Munch and Mend co-coordinator and base chapel Protestant congregant.

Volunteers at Munch & Mend provide home-cooked meals and sew patches, stripes and name tapes on uniforms for the Airman of Hurlburt Field, free of

charge.

The program originally began at Hurlburt in 1986 and was run by the Catholic and Protestant parishioners with support from first sergeants and funds from Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

In 1989, the program started to crumble as support from the wing waned and MWR was no longer able to contribute funds.

In 1995, Mr. Thomas teamed up with Bill White, base chapel Protestant congregant and Munch & Mend co-coordinator; together they began to get the program back on track. Now the program is funded solely by chapel funds.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. White's goal was to help Airman defer the cost of sewing

things onto a uniform when the 16th Special Operations Wing switched from blue uniforms to BDUs as the uniform of the day, and to provide fellowship for young Airman.

We have never had a lack of volunteer participation, said Mr. Thomas. Every month approximately 22 volunteers from the Protestant congregation show up to cook, sew and clean for the Munch & Mend program. Volunteers normally begin preparations at 2 p.m. and are usually finished with clean up around 7:30 p.m.

Menus vary from spaghetti dinners, Asian meals and steak dinners to traditional holiday meals.

"Although the program is geared toward senior airman and below, no one will be turned away, said Mr. Thomas. "We've even served lieutenant colonels."

For Airman who work swing shifts and can't leave their duty sections, volunteers will deliver plates to work centers. Leftovers are donated to local area missions.

Spotlight on...

**Master Sgt.
Karen Fisher**

Organization:

16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Duty Title: Personnel Plans and Programs superintendent

Hobbies: Cooking and constructing 1,000-piece Thomas Kinade puzzles

Contribution to the mission: Sergeant Fisher runs the orderly room for 900 personnel at the 16th AMXS – the largest squadron in the Air Force Special Operations Command. This efficiency expert keeps the squadron in front, maintaining a steady flow of approximately 150 evaluations monthly.

She also organized and ensured all Airmen have been educated on the fiscal year 2005 career job reservation process and force shaping opportunities.

Sergeant Fisher has authored and implemented various internal tools keeping supervisors in the loop on all personnel actions. A recognized expert, she has trained other personnelists within the 16th AMXS and orderly rooms around base.

(Editor's Note: The Commando highlights Airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, and should receive day-to-day recognition. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

MEET THE NEW COMMANDER

**Lt. Col.
Rolanda "Ro" Burnett**

Organization: 705th Training Squadron

Hometown:

Kelly, N.C.

Off-duty time is for:

Family, church and relaxation

Previous Assignment:

609th Combat Plans Squadron chief of contingency plans

Organizational Goals:

To take advanced command and control training to the next level

Work Philosophy:

Be passionate about whatever it is you're doing. Passion transforms "work" into something much more. Something that makes you happy to get out of bed at 5:30 a.m., something that makes a 12-hour day seem like two or three hours. A positive attitude is paramount...it's a force multiplier. Finally, one must strike a balance between work and everything else that's important.

Airman flies to Dog Island for Field Day 05 *Proves "bush-planes" a viable link in crisis communication*

By 1st Lt. Nathan Broshear
505th CCW Public Affairs

"CQ...CQ...CQ"

"Kilo Alpha Four Alpha X-Ray Sierra calling CQ Field Day."

Now repeat...hundreds of times. That's how Lt. Col. Edward Linch, 505th Command and Control Wing chief of Wing Plans, spent a recent Saturday.

The avid private pilot and amateur radio operator participated in Field Day 05, a national emergency preparedness exercise aimed at HAM radio operators. Working alone on a desolate island, he had the opportunity to combine his two passions and bring a concept he's long championed to reality.

Colonel Linch flew to Dog Island, a remote island in the Gulf of Mexico, to test whether "bush-planes," or small, maneuverable private aircraft capable of landing on grass airfields, could help to bridge gaps in communi-

cation during a disaster.

Field Day 05 is hosted by the American Radio Relay League to link amateur stations with federal, state and local disaster relief agencies. Each station attempts to make contact with as many different operators as possible, forming a virtual chain that can be quickly brought together in a crisis. The nation-wide event even caught the attention of President George Bush, who commented on the importance of the effort, "Licensed Amateur Radio operators help first responders and law enforcement officials save lives and make our country safer."

During the exercise, Colonel Linch flew his Van RV-4 experimental aircraft to the island along with a generator and radio gear. The high-frequency radio he used bounces its signal off of the ionosphere, allowing for extremely long-range communication.

He managed to operate his station for



Courtesy photo

The radio belonging to Lt. Col. Edward Linch, 505th Command and Control Wing, rests on the aircraft before being used for Field Day 05.

three and a half hours during his self-described "dog-pedition," before being forced to leave due to weather. Colonel Linch was able to make contact with 36 other operators from the tiny island — including two foreign countries, Canada and Kuwait.

AF approves wear of new campaign medals

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Air Force has authorized wear of the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Iraqi Campaign medals.

The Department of Defense campaign medals apply to active-duty, Reserve and Guard personnel deployed on or after Oct. 24, 2001, for Operation Enduring Freedom and March 19, 2003, for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Airmen must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in Afghanistan or Iraq for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days to be eligible. The ACM is awarded for service for all land areas and all airspaces above Afghanistan. The ICM is for service covering all land areas of Iraq, all adjoining water areas out to 12 nautical miles and all airspaces above those areas.

Service members aren't entitled to more than one campaign and/or expeditionary medal for the same action, achievement or period of service. In addition, there are no devices for the ACM, ICM and Global War on Terrorism Medal.

A period of service is defined as an area of deployment and includes the number of days criteria outlined above.

Members begin a second period of service when they forward deploy or return to home station and then redeploy later.

Airmen deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq, who have 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days, between the eligibility period and April 30, may elect to wear either the appropriate campaign medal or the GWOT-E medal, but not both.

Those who deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq, who have 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days, after April 30 can only earn the respective campaign medal for the area they served in.

The Air Force Personnel Center here will do a mass system update in August to convert GWOT-E medals to ACMs or ICMs, for Airmen now eligible for one of the campaign medals. Airmen who do not want the GWOT-E medal converted should notify their commander's support staff or military personnel flight. The ACM shall be positioned below the Kosovo Campaign Medal above the ICM, and the ICM shall be positioned below the ACM and above the GWOT medal.

For more information, contact the military personnel flight at 884-2701. (AFPN)

Plan for socializing safety – don't leave home without one

By Master Sgt. Albert Greig
AADD

Airman Against Drunk Driving is a volunteer organization comprised of Airmen – enlisted and officer – devoting their spare time, normally an entire weekend, to look out for their comrades-in-arms to spare them from harm or punishment of a Driving Under the Influence charge.

Here are some proactive measures to help make our AADD program be more effective – AADD Rules of Engagement:

Be safe, be smart, be proactive. Don't drink and drive, have a plan

before going out on the town.

Step 1: Take along a designated driver. Many nightclubs offer free non-alcoholic drinks for designated drivers

Step 2: If you have money, call a cab or taxi. Some offer military discounts.

Step 3: Make arrangements to sleep over or (spend the night) if you've drunk too much at a house party. AADD doesn't pick up at residences.

Step 4: As a last final resort, call AADD at 884-8844 and remember the following considerations:

■ Be kind to the AADD dis-

Four Keys to a Safe Night Out

Get a designated driver

Get a cab

Stay at a friend's

Call AADD

patcher (The person taking your call is a volunteer.)

■ Be kind to the AADD driver on call and be patient as it could take up to an hour before pick-up depending on distances traveled.

■ If you change your mind or find other means, call dispatch to

cancel the AADD ride.

■ Drivers will pick you up and take you to your place of residence only.

■ All AADD drivers reserve the right to refuse pickup of anyone, especially if they feel there's a risk to themselves or their vehicle.

■ Give back. Those who have used AADD should "pay it forward" and commit a few hours of time as an AADD volunteer.

And, always remember to think before you drink.

Note: AADD doesn't promote prohibition, but rather safe, responsible alcohol consumption.

To chew or not to chew – smokeless tobacco, cancer

Courtesy of the HAWC

Chewing tobacco and snuff contain 28 cancer-causing agents.

Smokeless tobacco users have an increased risk of developing cancer of the oral cavity.

Several national organizations offer information about the health risks of smokeless tobacco and how to quit.

What is *smokeless tobacco*?

The two types of smokeless tobacco are snuff and chewing tobacco.

Snuff, a finely ground or shredded tobacco, is packaged as dry, moist, or in sachets (tea bag-like pouches). The user places a pinch, or dip, between the cheek and gum.

Chewing tobacco is available in loose leaf, or twist forms, with the user putting a wad of tobacco inside the cheek. It's sometimes called "spit" or "spitting" tobacco. People spit out the tobacco juices and saliva that build up in the mouth.

The most harmful carcinogens in smokeless tobacco are the tobacco-specific nitrosamines. They're formed during the growing, curing, fermenting, and aging of tobacco.

All tobacco products contains nicotine which is addictive. The amount of nicotine absorbed from smokeless tobacco is three to four times the amount delivered by a cigarette.

Nicotine is absorbed more slowly from smokeless tobacco than from cigarettes, but more nicotine per dose is absorbed from smokeless tobacco than from cigarettes. In 1986, the surgeon general concluded that the use of smokeless tobacco "isn't a safe substitute for smoking cigarettes. It can cause cancer and a number of noncancerous conditions, and can lead to nicotine addiction and dependence."

Pharmacotherapies such as nicotine replacement therapy and bupropion sustained release, individual or group counseling and calling telephone quit lines are several methods shown

to be effective for quitting cigarettes.

Information on how to quit using smokeless tobacco can be found on the following web sites or by calling the agencies below:

Web sites:

- www.nohic.nidcr.nih.gov/
- www.cdc.gov/tobacco/how2quit.htm
- www.nstep.org
- www.cancer.org
- <http://familydoctor.org>

Quit lines:

- American Cancer Society – (800) 227-2345
- American Lung Association – (800) 586-4872
- American Legacy Foundation – (866) 667-8278
- Florida Quit-For-Life Line – (866) 228-4327 or (877) U-Can-Now

A person's dentist or doctor can also be a good source of information about health risks of smokeless tobacco and about quitting. For more information, call 884-5466.

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Motorcyclists are 26 times more likely to die and five times more likely to get injured in a crash than automobile drivers. Wearing helmets reduces the risk of motorcycle deaths by 37 percent and risk of fatal head injury by 40 percent. But even with the right equipment, you still need skills to beat the odds.

Lt. Gen. Daniel Leaf, Air Force Space Command vice commander and avid motorcyclist, says riding is like flying a combat sortie. To survive, you have to have the right training and equipment; you have to continually practice your skills; you have to be ready to take evasive action. Airman Souza wasn't prepared for his "combat sortie."

If you're a new rider, sign up

for a Motorcycle Safety Foundation course before you take off on that new bike. The same goes for returning riders; you need to relearn good habits before you reenter the sport.

If you're unsure where to start, ask your squadron commander or first shirt. Even if they don't personally ride, they'll tell you where to get the necessary training – that's their job. Other sources can include the squadron motorcycle representative, the base motorcycle club or the wing safety office. Whether you intend to ride on or off base, MSF training is a must; it could save your life.

After you've passed the basic MSF course and have a few thousand miles under your belt, take an MSF experienced rider's course to hone your skills. They're loaded with challenging scenarios that could improve your odds of survival.

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Squadron NCO in charge of police services. "We were concerned the young boy could have been hurt or even abducted. Everyone involved wanted to ensure his safety and get him back to his family as quickly as possible."

During the search, 16th SFS personnel worked with 16th Medical Group medics and 16th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters to leverage every tool at their disposal to find the child. While firefighters used bullhorns to inform the crowd of the situation, security forces and medical group personnel conducted a sector search through the large crowds gathering for the fireworks using a description that fit hundreds of young boys attending the event. In the meantime, the boy had found his own way back to his parents.

"Although the child found his own way back to his family, which is often the case in these types of situations, the Code Adam search was successful," said Capt. Keri Walker, 16th SFS operations officer.

The Code Adam lost child search is named after Adam Walsh, the son of television personality and political activist John Walsh, who was abducted from a south Florida department store in July 1981 and never found.

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Colonel Monroe's Chief of Staff motorcycle safety program, which when implemented, resulted in zero Class A or B mishaps among 698 registered riders.

Another one of Colonel Monroe's programs was recognized by the Department of Defense. During the Department of Defense's Explosive Safety Board inspection, he orchestrated Hurlburt Field's Weapons Safety program in such a way that left an impression on the DOD, which declared it as "the best seen to date DOD-wide."

The program is currently the basis for the U.S. Marine Corps Explosive Safety program.

Finally, Colonel Monroe's actions in the Global War on Terrorism – flying more than 900 missions without any Class A or B mishaps – is one more reason why he received the individual safety award.

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Congratulations to the following graduates of the Tyndall NCO academy, Class 05-5.

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Patrick Grisez

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Squadron

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Squadron

Charles Watts IV

15th Special Operations

Squadron

Dawn Giglio

16th Civil Engineer

Squadron

Kevin Akers

16th Communications

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Patrick Arendell

16th Comptroller

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William Keating

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Photos by 16th Services Squadron

The *USS Wheeless*, created by the 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, paddles towards the finish line. The 16th EMS won first place in the Cardboard Boat Regatta and first place in the best dressed crew category.

Sound of Independence

Fourth of July starts early at Hurlburt Field with more than 18,000 participants at the Sound of Independence

By Jamie Haig
Public Affairs

The smell of good food, the laughter of children on the rides, the smiles of the adults and the refreshing breeze were the first things noticed at the Sound of Independence celebration June 30 at Hurlburt Field's Soundside.

Celebrating 229 years of freedom is a great reason for a party, and the 16th Services Squadron spent the last six months creating this year's event.

The Sound of Independence has been a part of Hurlburt Field for the past 10 years. Prior to that, the base celebrated July 4 in the usual way, with fireworks. Despite a heat index in the 90's, the crowds were out in force to enjoy the bands, the rides, the food, the annual Cardboard Boat Regatta and of course, fireworks.

Airman First Class Jon-Claude Blouin, 16th Operations Support Squadron, was a volunteer at his



Round and round they go on the double spin ride at the Sound of Independence.

squadron's food booth, "The Mighty OSS."

"It was a fun and rewarding experience to see all the people in town who really appreciate us," said Airman Blouin.

Part of the tradition is the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show, which features a slapstick comedy consisting of logrolling and a variety of lumberjack skills. The group from St. Cloud, Fla. delighted the masses.

In its 17th year, the Cardboard Boat Regatta was the highlight of the day. An assortment of squadrons gets creative and designs a boat with a theme that includes the attire of the crew. The 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron had the distinct honor of winning two of the seven categories – first place in the race and the "Best Dressed Crew." Second place went to the Air Force Special Operations Command Inspector General's office and third to the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron. The 16th Medical Group prevailed as the winner of the "Davy Jones Locker" prize, which is given to the first boat that sinks. "Most Unique" went to the Air Force Combat Weather Center, and the "Ugliest Boat" category went to 16th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The annual Flag Dance, led by "Uncle Sam," displayed the pride of America, the red, white and blue. Several bands entertained the crowds throughout the day with various radio stations filling in the gaps. Rides were consistently busy with children of all ages taking advantage of the fun.

Throughout the day, more than 18,000 people enjoyed the festivities and food. The spectacular fireworks display was the grand finale to a grand day. Thanks owed to the 25 base organizations that made this year's Sound of Independence a spectacular affair.



"Uncle Sam" leads the annual flag dance.

Hurlburt Happenings

Military

Change of command

All base personnel are invited to attend a change-of-command ceremony 9 a.m. today in the Soundside club ballroom when Col. Andrew Mueller will relinquish command of the 505th Training Group to Col. Patricia Hoffman. Uniform of the day is battle dress uniform.

Emergency operations

Hurlburt Field people were enrolled in the Air Force Special Operations Command Emergency Operations Community of Practice Wednesday. This CoP will enable notification of impending emergency situations, such as hurricane evacuation, reconstitution, etc. It will also provide the means for Airmen to get information at their home e-mail, as well as access to this information from off base through the Air Force Portal. Take a minute to become familiar with this new and innovative method to receive the important facts pertinent to you. For more information, visit www.afsoc.af.mil/milonly/emergencycopfaq.html.

Community

Faith in the Foxhole

All personnel are invited to attend Faith in the Foxhole prayer luncheon Thursday at the base chapel from noon until 1 p.m. Lt. Col. Juan Alvarez, 6th Special Operations Squadron commander, will be the guest speaker. Free lunch is provided from those who attend.

Free childcare

Give Parents a Break offers free childcare to eligible families 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. This program assists qualified spouses of deployed or remote active-duty members or emergency situations with children 6 months to 12 years old. For more information, call 884-4300.

Car wash

Hurlburt Field's Airmen Against Drunk Driving will hold a car wash 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Advanced Auto Parts parking lot on Beal Parkway. For more information, call Master Sgt. Mayra Casanova at 884-4438.

AADD meeting

Hurlburt Field's Airmen Against Drunk Driving holds monthly meetings on the last Friday of each month at the military equal opportunity conference room at 11 a.m. Squadron representatives are invited as well as anyone who has an interest in saving lives and keeping our comrades and community safe. For more information, call Master Sgt. Mayra Casanova at 884-4438.

Medical Group blood drive

The 16th Medical Group will coordinate a blood drive 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the commissary parking lot. For more information or to schedule a blood donation, call Capt. Mark Noon at 881-5166.

SOF ride

The Sentinels of Freedom will meet for a lunch ride at noon today. Monthly meetings are 3 p.m. the first Tuesday in the enlisted hooch. SOF is always looking for new members who would like to go on a various motorcycle rides. The next long ride is scheduled for July 16. For more information, call Jorg Junghann at 884-3131.

Trespassing notice

The 16th Security Forces Squadron reminds people not to trespass onto the firing ranges and impact areas located off RED HORSE Road. Trespassing could be dangerous because of potential hazards, such as noise, live fire and being in the area when firing isn't conducted. People must have clearance to enter the impact area. For more information, call 884-7520/7205.

Theater auditions

Students in grades 1st-12th and legal dependents of Department of Defense ID card holders can audition July 18 at the base theater for the Missoula Children's Theater production of "The Wizard of Oz." Those auditioning should arrive at 1 p.m. and plan to stay for approximately two hours. Some children will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the auditions.

The play will be held at 7 p.m. July 22 and at 1 p.m. July 23 in the base theater. For more information, call 884-2189 or e-mail charles.lowrey@hurlburt.af.mil.

Disney day

The information, tickets and travel office will host Disney day at the base exchange Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults 18 years and older may enter ITT's July drawing for a Disney weekend for two. Games, cake and punch will be provided. Disney day will wrap up with a free showing of "Toy Story" at 6 p.m. in the theater. For more information, call 884-6795/5699.

Cash rewards program

The Military Free Cash Rewards Program is a "cash-back" program offered to all club membership cardholders. Members earn two points for every dollar in purchases made at the 16th Services Squadron activities and the base exchange. One point is earned for BX fuel purchases. After accumulating 2,500 points, members may redeem them for a \$25 check or a \$25 gift card/certificate from brand-name companies. For more information, call 884-6469.

Scholarship contest

Air Force Clubs is offering \$25,000 in scholarships. Six scholarships will be awarded, with the top prize of \$6,000, for higher education costs. Scholarships will be awarded based on a 500-word essay entitled "My Hero and Why." Essays exceeding 500 words will be disqualified.

Entries must be submitted by July 15 to either J.R. Rockers club membership window or the Soundside club. Current club members and their families who have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the fall 2005 term as a part-time or full-time student are eligible.

For more information visit www.hurlburt.af.mil/basewide/services/links.html.

Bicycle claim

The 16th SFS Investigations Section has numerous bicycles that were seized as abandoned property from the Hurlburt Field dormitories May 25. If you think any of these bicycles belong to you, call 884-7705. Proof of ownership must be presented upon claiming bicycles.

Volunteer

FSC volunteer opportunities

The family support center has many volunteer opportunities available through its volunteer resource program office. Some opportunities include the Loan Closet, Airman's Attic and Meals on Wheels. For more information, call Dee Dee Rodriguez at 884-1533.

Chapel help

The Hurlburt Field Chapel is looking for a list of five to 10 volunteers who would be available to help answer phones for three hours per week on days when the receptionist is on leave. For more information, call Senior Airman John McIntosh or Andy Ramos at 884-7795. Also, the chapel is looking for points of contact for Islamic, Jewish, Buddhist, Orthodox and Latter Day Saints faiths. Those interested in helping ensure these faiths are represented at Hurlburt Field should call Master Sgt. Salvador Manalang at 884-7795.

Classes

Dental assisting class

The 96th Medical Group at Eglin Air Force Base is accepting applications for the American Red Cross Dental Assisting class. The next class is scheduled to start Monday and continue through the end of the year. To apply, visit the Eglin AFB dental clinic to apply.

UA classes

The University of Arkansas located at Hurlburt Field offers a Master of Science with a major in Operations Management. With only 10 courses required (30 semester hours), it's possible to complete degree requirements in one year. Term One registration begins Aug. 1, and classes begin Aug. 17. Begin classes in January, March, May, August or October. For more information, call Sherry DelCastillo at 884-3844 or e-mail uafgrad3@uofa.gccoxmail.com.

HAWC classes

The following classes are available at the health and wellness center:

Running Shoe Clinic – 1 p.m., Monday
Healthy Living Workshop – 8:30 a.m., Tuesday
Body Composition Improvement Program – 1 p.m., Tuesday,
Fitness 101 – 1 p.m., Tuesday,
Prenatal Nutrition – 8:30 a.m., Wednesday
Prenatal Fitness – 9:30 a.m., Wednesday
Physical Training Leader – 7:30 a.m., Thursday
PTL Nutrition – 10 a.m., Thursday

Changes made to base clinic TRICARE enrollment policy

Courtesy 16th MDG

The 16th Medical Group clinic is required by the TRICARE contract and the Memorandum of Understanding with Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc. to follow certain enrollment practices.

The following is a summary of our enrollment policies: HMHS is contractually required to enroll all beneficiaries residing within the Hurlburt Field enrollment area to a military treatment facility as capacity permits. The enrollment area includes the following zip codes: 32542, 32544, 32547, 32548, 32549, 32563, 32569, 32578, 32579, 32580 and 32588. Therefore, anyone residing in one of these areas must enroll to the 16th or the 96th MDG.

All active-duty members will enroll to the military treatment facility, and active-duty family members living in the zip codes above are required to enroll at Hurlburt Field or Eglin Air Force Base.

However, active-duty families living in the 32566 zip code may apply to have a network

primary care manager.

Currently, our clinic has capacity to enroll active duty members and their families assigned to Hurlburt Field. Additionally, active duty and family members enrolled to the 16th Medical Group clinic may elect to remain enrolled at Hurlburt Field upon retirement.

Also, beginning Aug. 1, the clinic will have additional capacity to enroll retired beneficiaries and their families under the age of 65. Beneficiaries not currently enrolled in TRICARE Prime will be required to complete a new enrollment form and pay an annual enrollment fee (\$230 individual/\$460 family).

Submission of new enrollment forms and payment of enrollment fees must be accomplished at the HMHS TRICARE Service Center located in the AMSOUTH Bank building (25 Beal Parkway, Fort Walton Beach). If you're currently enrolled in TRICARE Prime at another location, you may transfer your enrollment to the 16th MDG by completing a

PCM Change or Portability Transfer form. HMHS will enroll retirees on a "first come, first served" basis until the 16th MDG capacity is reached.

Currently, the 16th MDG doesn't have capacity to enroll retirees age 65 and older in Tricare Plus. Upon reaching the age of 65, 16th MDG TRICARE Prime enrollees will be required to obtain their medical care downtown utilizing Medicare as their primary insurance and TRICARE for Life as a secondary payer.

To participate in the TFL program, you must be entitled to Medicare Part A and enrolled in Medicare Part B. A listing of Medicare providers is available at the clinic TRICARE office and the HMHS TRICARE Service Center. Beneficiaries 65 and older will continue to have access to the 16th MDG clinic ancillary services on a space available basis.

For more information about enrollment policies, or for any TRICARE information, call the 16th MDG Tricare office at 881-5177.



Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday

Religious Education: September – May
Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)

11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)

Religious Education: August – May

Youth and Singles groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center

Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

Jumua: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

For more information, call 884-7795.

At the movies

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field

Friday and Sunday

Starwars III (PG-13)

Saturday

Mindhunters (R)

Eglin Air Force Base

Friday

Crash (R)

Saturday

Kicking and Screaming

(PG-13)

Sunday

The Longest Yard (PG-13)

For up-to-date movie schedules, call Hurlburt Field at 884-7648 or Eglin Air Force Base at 882-1066. For movie information, visit www.aafes.com/ems/conus/hurlburt.htm.

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Number 14, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron, sets up a spike for Number 33 RED HORSE, Wednesday during the intramural volleyball match at the Aderholt Fitness Center.

RED HORSE beats AFSOC

RED HORSE pulled together after losing the first game to come back and win the final game, 15-12

**Story and photos by
Airman 1st Class James Dickens
Public Affairs**

The 823rd RED HORSE Squadron trotted past the Air Force Special Operations Command two games to one in intramural volleyball action Wednesday at the Aderholt Fitness Center.

RED HORSE jumped out to an early lead, but AFSOC pulled them in to win the first game, 25-19.

"We had the lead, but we got a little tired and tight," said Reginald Davenport, RED HORSE.

It seemed AFSOC would cruise to an easy victory, when the second game started the same way the first game ended.

Midway through the second game, RED HORSE pulled it together and charged back to the lead.

"During a timeout, one of the guys just told everyone to calm down and play like we were at practice," Mr. Davenport said, "because you have no pressure during practice."

RED HORSE didn't let up after starting their initial surge midway in the second match, winning the match, 25-18.

"David Simmons really led the

team during this match," Mr. Davenport said. "He has a way of tricking people. You think he's going one way with the ball, then does something totally different."

RED HORSE kept the same tempo during the final match with a three-point win.

"We practice from time to time, so we can bring the heat," Mr. Davenport said.



An Airman, 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, spikes the ball at AFSOC.



An Airman, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron returns a serve.

Standings

Intramural Volleyball

Team	W	L	Pct.
American League			
HMXS	9	0	1.000
MDG	5	2	.714
LRS	4	2	.667
RHS	3	4	.429
MSS	2	5	.286
25 IOS	2	5	.286
AFSOC	0	7	.000
National League			
CMS	7	0	1.000
SFS	6	2	.750
SVS	4	2	.667
OSS	4	3	.571
CES	3	4	.429
CPTS	1	7	.125
39 IOS	0	7	.000

In the bleachers

Tennis club

The Hurlburt Field Tennis Club meets 5 to 7 p.m. every Wednesday at the tennis courts beside the U.S. Air Force Special Operations School. The tennis club is an informal group of people interested in playing tennis and requires one can of new tennis balls to join. The play will consist of eight game pro sets with no add scoring. All players will move up or down and switch partners. The club is open to all Hurlburt Field personnel. For more information, e-mail Vicki Helton at vicki.helton@hurlburt.af.mil.

Cheerleading clinic

Youth programs will hold a summer cheerleading clinic for youth ages 6 and up from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Commando Fitness Center. Cost is \$15 per youth. Register no later than today at the youth center. For more information, call 884-6355.

Coaches needed

Youth sports is seeking volunteers interested in coaching youth soccer and flag football. Openings are available for all age groups (5-13 for soccer, 6-14 for flag football). Stop by the youth center for a packet or for more information, call 884-6355.

Upcoming sports

Intramural horseshoes is now forming squadron teams to begin the season in September. Contact your squadron sports representative to sign up. Intramural flag football will be forming teams soon with a late September tentative start date.

For more information about sporting activities, call Jim Harriot at 884-6949.

Cheerleading registration

Cheerleading registration runs through Aug. 1 (ages 6 and up) to support the flag football and basketball teams. Cost is \$20 per person. Participants will receive a T-shirt, certificate and memento (uniform not included). A parents' meeting is scheduled at 6 p.m. Aug. 17, at the base theater. For more information, call 884-6355.

Youth sports registration

Soccer and flag football registration will be held through Aug. 1. Practice begins Aug. 22. Games will be played Sept. 17 through Nov. 29. Cost is \$45 per player or \$90 for two or more players in the same family. Soccer players must be ages 5-14 as of Aug. 31. Soccer evaluations will be conducted Aug. 9 at the large soccer field by age groups: ages 8-9 at 5:30 p.m.; ages 10-11 at 6 p.m.; ages 12-14 at 6:30 p.m.

Flag football players must be ages 7-15 as of Aug. 31. Games will be played at the Fort Walton Beach YMCA. Flag football evaluations will be conducted Aug. 15 on Field 4 at the Community Park by age groups: ages 7-8 at 5:30 p.m.; ages 9-10 at 6 p.m.; ages 11-15 at 6:15 p.m. All youth participating in the youth sports program must have an annual physical examination, and provide a copy of their birth certificate or military identification card. For more information, call 884-6355.

Rugby season

The Okaloosa Rugby Football Club is looking for new players at all levels of experience for the spring and summer seasons. For more information, call J.C. at 882-1858 or e-mail john.colletta@eglin.af.mil.

Basketball coach needed

The Aderholt Fitness Center is now accepting résumés for men's varsity basketball coach. Résumés should include all previous coaching experience and results and will be accepted until July 22.

Continuing season

Intramural volleyball season continues with games Mondays through Thursdays. Come to the Aderholt Fitness Center and support your team. Call 884-6884 for your team's next match.

Fitness classes

The Riptide and Aderholt Fitness Centers host many classes to fit your fitness goals; they include: Body Sculpt, Yoga, Step, Spinning (cycle), Cardio Sculpt, and Pilates. Call the Riptide Fitness Center at 881-5121 or the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884 for the time, day and location of your class.